

The seuerall rates and tarations for wages,

made & set forth by the Iustices of peace of the Towne & Boz. of new Winsour.



By the Parliament holden at Westminster, the xlii. day of January last: It was enacted by the Quene our Soueraygne Ladye, the Lordes spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in that Parliament assembled, that the Iustices of the peace of euery Sheere, Rydyng, and lybertie, within the limittes of their seuerall Commissions, or the more parte of them, being there resident within the same, and the Sheryffe of the Countie yf he conveniently myght. And euery Maior, Baylyffe or other head officer within any Cytie or towne Corporate, wherein is any Iustice of peace,

within the limittes of the sayd Cytie or towne, shoulde by force of that acte, assemble them selues together, accordyng to the tenour of the same acte. And thereupon shoulde lymyt, rate and appoynt the wages of Artificers, Handicraftes men, Husbandmen, Laborers, Seruauntes, and workemen, as by their dyscretions shoulde bethought mete, and accordyng to such auctoritie as is geuen them by the sayde Acte, and the same rates and tarations shoulde certifye into the Quenes hyghnes Courte of Chauncery, before a certen day lymytted in the sayde acte: Whereupon it shoulde be lawefull for the Lorde Chauncelour, or Lord Keeper of the great Seale of Englande for the time beyng, vpon declaration thereof to her highnes, her heires or Successours, or to the Lordes and others of her Maiesties pseyue counsell; to cause proclamations to be made into euery of the sayde Shyres and places, cōteyning the seuerall rates appointed by the sayde Iustices, and other head officers: Commaunding therby in her highnes name, all persons strayghtly to obserue and kepe the same, vpon the daunger of the punishment and forseyntures, lymitted and appoynted by the sayde Acte and statute.

And where also it is further enacted by thaurthoritie aforesayd: That al maner of person and persons, after suche proclamation made, shoulde obserue and kepe the saide rates for wages, bypon payne of the forseyntures and penalties conteyned in the same estatute, vntyll by a seconde proclamation, accordyng to the purpote of the same estatute, it shoulde be otherwise ordered and proclaymed.

Therefore the Quenes Maiestie hauing receiued into her said court of Chauncery, among diuerse other certificates from sondry of her highnes Shyres, Cities, and Townes, one certificate from this her Towne & Boz. of new Winsour, conteyning the rates for wages hereafter folowing. And made and appointed by the Iustices of thys her sayd Towne & Boz. of new Winsour, accordyng to the tenour of y same act: And mindinge to haue the same rates put in execution in all poyntes as by the processe of the same acte is prescribed, lyke as her Maiestie hath and entendeth to do in al other her highnes Counties and Shyres, and other places of lybertie in this her Realme.

Therefore her highnes strayghtly chargeth & commaundeth all maner of person and persons, within her said Towne & Boz. of new Winsour, to kepe & obserue in al pointes y said rates, tarations, orders appointments for wages hereafter folowynge and sette forth vpon the paynes and forseyntures appoynted by the said estatute, and vpon payne of her highnes dyspleasure. And further her highnes pleasure & expresse commaundement is that al Iustices of peace, Sherifes, and other officers of her sayd Towne & Boz. of new Winsour, shall see and cause the same rates, duelye and seuerelye to be obserued and kepte in all pointes, and this proclamation to be bled in euery behalfe, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the sayd acte.

And her Maiesties further pleasure and commaundement is, that yf anye question, scrupule, or doubt shal ryse bypon any of the taracions or rates for thys Towne & Boz. of new Winsour, here vnder mentioned. That then the same shal be ordered and determined by her highnes Iustices of peace, that byd make and ordeyne the same taracions & rates. And that all persons shal perfourme and kepe the same resolutions orders and determinations, so by them to be made and determined, touchyng the same.

God saue the Quene.

